

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8, 9, and 12-28 are presented for further examination. Claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15-17, 19, and 20 have been amended. Claims 6, 7, 10, and 11 have been canceled, and claims 21-28 are new.

In the Office Action mailed August 23, 2005, the Examiner objected to claims 4, 7-8, and 11-20 as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. In particular, claims 4, 7-8, 11-12, 15-16, and 19-20 were found to lack antecedent basis for the recitation of the "reflective" surface. Applicant has amended these claims to change "reflective" to conductive. Claims 13 and 17 were found to lack clear antecedent basis for "the receiver circuit" and the recitation of "electrical" in line 8. Applicant has amended these claims to delete "receiver" and insert therefor "electrical," and the occurrence of electrical in line 8 has been changed to "electrically," as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 5-6 and 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,329,915 ("Brady et al."). Claims 1-3 were allowed. Claims 4 and 13-20 were found to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(a) as were claims 7-8 and 11-12, which also were to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 5 to include the limitations of allowable claims 7 and intervening dependent claim 6. Thus, independent claim 5 is now dependent claim 7 rewritten into independent form. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5 and dependent claim 8 are now in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 10 and allowable dependable claim 11. Thus, claim 9 is now allowable dependent claim 11 rewritten into independent format. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 9 and dependent claim 12 are thus in condition for allowance.

New claims 21 and 22 depend ultimately from allowed claim 1. Hence, these two dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 23 and 24 depend from now allowable claim 5. Hence, these claims are allowable by virtue of the fact that claim 5 is allowable.

Dependent claim 25 depends from allowable claim 9, and claim 26 depends from allowable claim 14. Dependent claims 27 and 28 depend from claim 19. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 25-28 are allowable by virtue of the fact that the claims from which they depend are also allowable.


In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits all of the claims in this application are now in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact applicant's undersigned representative by telephone at (206) 622-4900 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing this case to issuance is respectfully solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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